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EXTERNAL RELATIONS ACT TO GO

QUESTIONS OF NATIONAL HONOUR

Status May Be Declared To Be A Republic

By Our Political Correspondent

IT is now clear that the External Relations Act, or, to give it its full title, the Executive Authority (External Relations) Act, 1936, is going to go.

This is the much discussed Act put through by Fianna Fail by which the British King is used to accredit our representatives abroad and for the representatives of foreign nations coming here.

The Taoiseach, in his very important address to the Canadian Bar Association in Montreal on Wednesday, referred to this Act, and said that the "inaccuracies and infirmities" of its provisions are apparent.

His statement, read in conjunction with recent speeches by Mr. MacBride, Minister for External Affairs, must be taken to mean but one thing—that the Government is going to scrap the present Act and pass a new law by which the President of Ireland will act in these matters.

To be logical there is no other course open to the Government. Its members when in opposition charged against the Fianna Fáil Administration that it was dishonest in these matters and that it was deceiving the people.

Listen to what Mr. Norton, now Tanaiste, had to say in the Dáil on August 6 last:—

"We have a President and a Minister for External Affairs, but they are by-passed and we have used the British King to accredit our representatives to foreign Powers. . . I think that it would do our national self-respect good at home and abroad if we were to proceed without delay to abolish the External Relations Act . . Our national honour would be all the higher if it were to go."

When the deputy leader of the Government speaks like that it must be taken for granted that the change that honour demands will be made.

An Irritant

It has often been said in recent years that only one problem remained to be settled between Ireland and England, namely, Partition, but this External Relations Act is, to say the least of it, an irritant in the relations between the two countries.

Part of the speech made by Mr. MacBride when introducing the Estimate for his Department, on July 20, should be recalled here. The Minister said:—

"If we are to create a sound framework for our relations with Britain, it must be appreciated that what matters is the substance and not the form of the relationship. Political forms have sense and usefulness only in so far as they express political realities.

"Outworn forms which are only reminders of a historically unhappy past can only act as irritants. As irritants, they endanger and frustrate the relationship which they are intended to express and preserve."

With nations battling for their very lives these days, anything that tends to promote discord and dissension between friendly countries should be quickly remedied.

Indeed, this view is held by that well-known writer on Commonwealth Affairs, Professor Nicholas Mansergh. In a recent article he referred to the possibility of the Irish Government changing the procedure embodied in the External Relations Act, and he added: "That day may not be far distant."

He went on to say that "it is open to question whether the one remaining constitutional link embodied in the External Relations Act any longer possesses practical advantages outweighing its psychological disadvantages."

Who, to-day, could think that it does? And that is why the Act may already be considered dead.

"Irish Muddle"

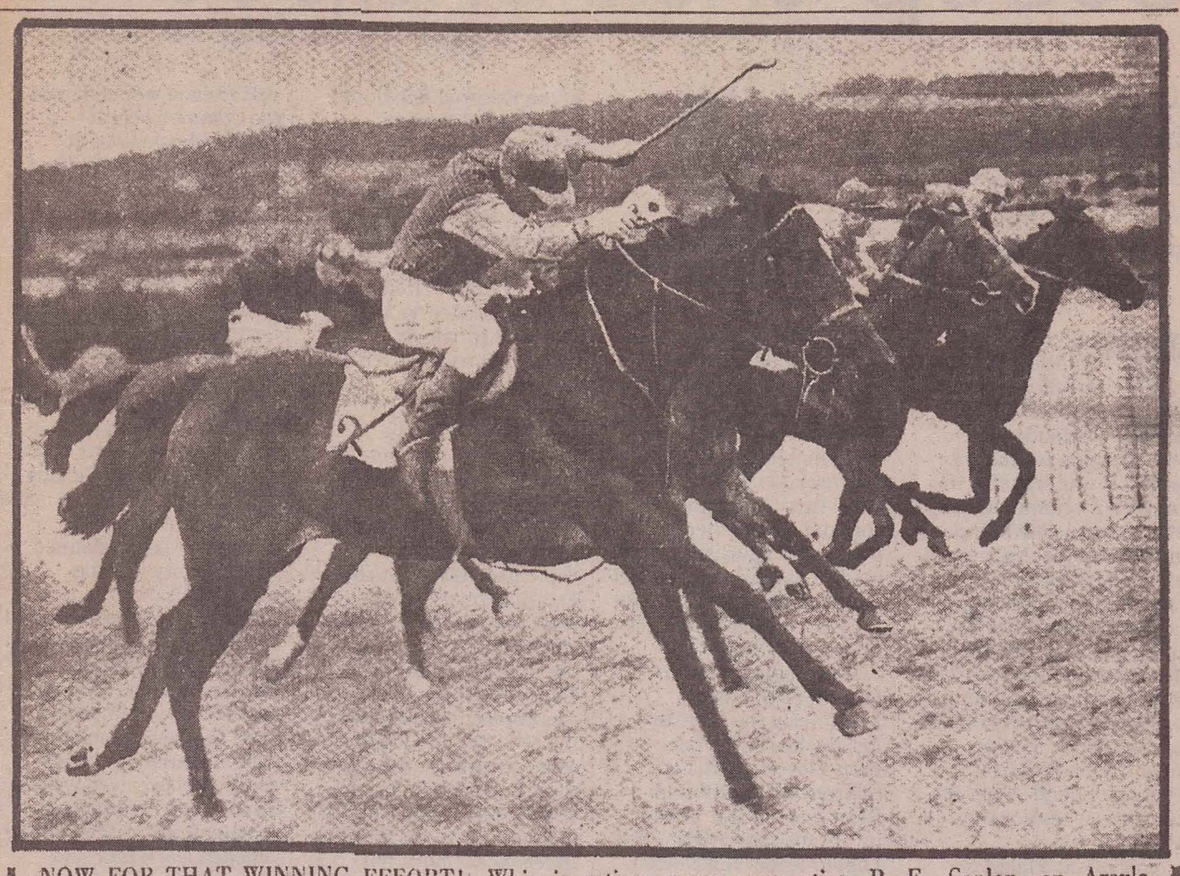
Mr. Costello and Mr MacBride recently made another point clear about which even the Irish people themselves were in what might be termed "an Irish muddle." They unequivocally answered the question: "Are we in the British Commonwealth?" by saying: "No."

And here again honesty of purpose may soon find the present Government declaring that we are a Republic. Not so long ago dictionaries were produced in the Dail to show that we are a Republic.

Present Ministers, then in opposition, laughed to scorn such a ridiculous way of "stealing" into being a Republic. Mr. Dillon made a devastating attack on a situation which he liked to call a fraud. If he had his way in the morning, it is said, he would have our status as a Republic solemnly declared so that there would be no further nonsense talked and asked about "what are we?"

Nought else would then remain but Partition. And the time is too serious for the prejudices of old that are still fostered in the six sundered counties to be allowed to thwart the wishes of the great majority of the Irish people.

A united Ireland there must be not alone as an Irish right but as a necessity to all those nations who aspire to a decent way of life.



NOW FOR THAT WINNING EFFORT! Whip in action, young apprentice, P. F. Conlon, on Argyle Street (nearest camera), urges his mount forward to win the Kerry Plate by a neck in a thrilling finish at Naas yesterday. On the rails is Bridal Flower, which finished fourth, and in the centre, Tapa, which came third. Covered by the winner is Ard Riogh (second) with the jockey's cap just visible.

Queen Juliana, on the balcony of the Royal Palace in Amsterdam, yesterday, raises her arm to call for cheers from the Netherlanders for her mother, now called "Her Royal Highness the Princess of the Netherlands."

First Proclamation Of Queen Juliana

The first proclamation to contain the words "We, Juliana, by the Grace of God, Queen of the Netherlands," was published yesterday in the State Gazette and posted up in town halls throughout the Netherlands.

This occurred shortly after Queen Wilhelmina relinquished the throne to her daughter, Juliana, after a reign of 50 years.

"Now that I am ready to commence my new task," the new Queen told the people of Holland, Indonesia and the West Indies, "I strongly feel how great is the affection with which you have surrounded me since my early youth."

Of her mother she said: "We can never thank her enough for what she has done."

"Although the times in which I commence my reign are full of difficulties and threatening complications, there still is cause for joy because, despite destruction and impoverishment, our country has shown itself, with the assistance of its allies, to be strong enough to recover," the Queen said.

Earlier in the day the Royal Family had from a balcony acknowledged the cheers of a vast crowd. As the people slowly left the square after the Royal Family had gone indoors they saw that huge illuminated "W" signs on surrounding buildings had changed to "J."—Reuter.

LATEST NEWS

TRADE PACT WITH HOLLAND

The Hague To Have Irish Legation

NEWS came yesterday afternoon of the conclusion of a new trade agreement—this time with Holland—and of the opening shortly of an Irish Legation at The Hague.

An official statement in Dublin said: 'The Netherlands Government has agreed to make a special effort to secure the availability of goods that are essential to the Irish economy.

"In particular, the Dutch Government has agreed to supply 30,000 tons of superphosphate to Ireland during the next nine months, and to export as many other commodities as are possible which are deemed to be necessary here in Ireland.

DUTCH GOODS

"For its part, the Irish Government has agreed to facilitate imports by relaxing further the restrictions on exchange control, particularly in view of the fact that Holland is regarded as a soft-currency area.

"Among the goods for which export licences will be granted by the Dutch Government may be listed the following:—

"Cardboard, paper, rayon yarns, electrical and telephone cable, agricultural and dairy implements, metal ware, machinery, hospital supplies, electrical equipment, tiles, sanitary ware, transport material, seeds, bulbs, nursery and forestry plants, food stuffs, fruit and vegetables, fruit pulp, glucose, and certain ranges of leather ware, textiles, pharmaceutical products, paints, chemicals and linoleum.

IRISH GOODS

"In addition over and above raw wool, livestock and food stuffs which the Irish Government on their part have agreed to supply, the Dutch Government will facilitate the import into Holland of certain categories of industrial goods of Irish origin, comprising:—

"Handwoven and homespun cloths and tweeds, wool felt hoods, poplin ties, feathers, abrasive papers and cloth, cordage, plaster-board, gypsum, soft dolls and toys, leaden figures (toys), gloves (hand-knitted and crocheted), woollen outer wear, linen embroidery and lace goods, men's woollen socks, drinking glasses and milk bottles, plastic bottle caps and jar lids, raffia sandals, brushes, tennis rackets and sports goods and prune wine.

CATTLE EXPORT

"Facilities will also be granted by the Irish Government during the coming season for the export to the Netherlands of 30,000 head of cattle, of which a small number will be serum cattle.

"In Ireland this agreement will be welcomed, as it provides both for large supplies of fertiliser and for the entry into Holland of a wide range of Irish industrial products. Provision is also made for the export from Holland of large quantities of goods urgently required in Ireland.

"The supplies of fertiliser will be of immence assistance to the Irish farmer.

"The increased facilities for the entry into Holland of Irish goods will be of considerable value to our industrialists."

MR. MacBRIDE'S HOPES

Mr. MacBride, Minister for External Affairs, commented: "The success of this new agreement depends, of course, on the initiative and enterprise of our business men, and I hope they will fully avail of the many opportunities now opened up for them.

"In a short while an Irish Legation will be opened at The Hague, and one of its most important functions will be the cementing and development of trade relationships between our two countries.

"It is also important that wherever possible, importers should seek to import the materials they require from Europe rather than from the Western hemisphere, in order to reduce the drain on our dollar resources."

DR. BENES TO LIE IN STATE

Dr. Eduard Benes, co-founder and former President of Czechoslovakia, who died on Friday, will be buried on Wednesday at his country home of Sezimovo Usti, after lying-in-state in Prague.

Dr. Benes will be taken to Prague and will lie-in-state from to-morrow morning until midnight Tuesday at the War Memorial Building.

King George and Mr. Attlee, British Premier, have sent messages of condolence to Madame Benes—Reuter.

Minister to Spain Home on Holiday

Mr. J. A. Belton, Irish Minister to Spain, arrived at Dublin Airport last night accompanied by his wife and son, Eoin, who is returning to school in this country.

Mrs. Mary Daly (nee Geoghegan) who has died in New York, aged 89, was a native of Coolatore, Co. Westmeath.

Aer Lingus Sets New Records

FOLLOWING the publication yesterday of Aer Lingus' record-breaking figures, a "Sunday Independent" reporter, interviewing officials of the Airline, was told that records were still being broken.

"Last week," said the Company's spokesman, "Aer Lingus offered more seats than ever before on their London route — and carried more passengers—3,338 seats were available on 158 flights, and 2,758 passengers travelled, giving a load factor of 83 p.c.

"Of these passengers, 1,633 were outbound, and the load factor in this direction was 98½ p.c.

"The Manchester route also broke records during the week with 841 passengers, and a load factor of 88 p.c., and when complete returns are compiled, it is believed that the Shannon-London route will also show for last week traffic exceeding any previously carried, with about 240 of the 294 available seats filled. Other services on the Company's network did proportionately good business during the week."

UNITED IN DEATH

The deaths occurred within a d. of each other of Mr. George Blake and his wife Mary, at their residence, Stanley Row, Athlone. Mrs. Blake died on Friday and her husband died yesterday.

French President's Dramatic Move

"Sunday Independent" Special Correspondent
Paris, Saturday Night

IN a last dramatic appeal to save the country, President Auriol late this afternoon asked M. Robert Schuman to try once more to form a government, and the latter has accepted the difficult task.

The M.R.P. ex-Premier, who received a vote of confidence from the National Assembly at the beginning of the week, had reported to the President on Friday his failure to get together a Cabinet.

The President's last-minute appeal to M. Schuman to try again was made to-day against a background of mounting political tension and social unrest throughout France as a result of the prolonged Government crisis.

Security Measures

In the increasing unrest the Paris Prefect has taken certain security precautions in the capital where the police have been mobilised and the Republican Guards are standing to in case of emergency.

Should M. Schuman again fail to form a Government there seems no way out for the President but to dissolve the present National Assembly and call for a general election.

In the last twenty-four hours the chances of a dissolution of parliament are being spoken of here as very probable. It is only logical, it seems, that if the actual National Assembly cannot form a Government it should be replaced by one that can. The question is how the dissolution is to take place.

Juridical conditions for such a dissolution as required by the French Constitution are still said to be wanting, though that is not altogether certain after the last two Government crises.

Meanwhile, General de Gaulle has been watching the situation in silence.

A spokesman of the General in the course of a statement to a Paris daily, said that should the October Cantonal Elections be put off indefinitely by Parliament, the General would make an appeal to the people pointing out to them that their legislators were acting "undemocratically," and "setting public opinion at nought."

The spokesman added that de Gaulle did not, however, intend to have recourse to "unconstitutional" means to win his way back to power. His aim was to revive democracy in France and not to strangle it, he said.

The Communist Party has issued a manifesto calling for "strong Government" and demanding to be allowed form this Government.

Decision By Socialists

The Socialist group late last night decided to approve the principle of taking part in a Schuman Cabinet, with reservations on certain points, which were not disclosed.

They are to seek assurances from M. Schuman on these points.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER

All Ireland—Moderate to fresh south to south-west winds, but lighter and more variable in the east at first. Cloud with occasional rain or showers, but fair for much of the morning in the east. Rather cool. Midday temperatures 60-65 degrees.

HIGH WATER

	Morn.	Eve.		Morn.	Eve.
Dublin	1.04	1.42	Galway	6.59	7.17
Bray	12.38	1.14	Lim'ick	8.12	8.50
Dr'da	12.52	1.30	Kilkee	6.27	6.40

LIGHTING-UP TIME 9.6

PRE-FABRICATED HOUSES COMING?

EIRE may have pre-fabricated houses to cope with pressing requirements.

This was stated by the Minister for Local Government (Mr. T. J. Murphy) when he arrived at Dublin Airport last night from London, where he has been discussing housing with the British Ministry of Health.

Mr. Murphy told a "Sunday Independent" reporter that the visit had been very successful. Much valuable information had been obtained in regard to British methods of dealing with the housing problem, which information would be of assistance in dealing with the problem here.

Every assistance had been received from London County Council officials and there were conducted tours over a number of building estates where pre-fabricated houses were in occupation or in the course of construction.

Pre-fabricated houses were not very impressive from the outside, the Minister said, but inside they were extremely attractive and comfortable. They were proving a very popular type of house, particularly from the point of view of the housewife, who had the benefit of many labour-saving amenities.

British Ministry of Health officials had given considerable information as to their experience of pre-fabricated houses, and in the study of this type of housing, had extended a large measure of co-operation.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan, British Minister of Health, had discussed the question with him and Mr. W. Norton, the Tanaiste, and Minister for Social Welfare, and promised his assistance.

Mr. Murphy said he was satisfied the traditional type of building in this country would not supply the housing needs for a long time, and it was possible that the erection of pre-fabricated houses might be undertaken to a limited extent in order to cope with the most pressing requirements.

The question would now be considered by the Housing Consultative Council as to whether pre-fabricated housing should be introduced, and an early decision on the matter might be expected.

Canadian Premier Greets Taoiseach

From "Sunday Independent" Special Correspondent

The Taoiseach, accompanied by Mrs. Costello arrived in Ottawa yesterday from Montreal for their first visit to the Canadian capital.

They were greeted by Mr Mackenzie King, Canadian Premier, federal and civic leaders and delegations from the Irish Historical Society, "Sons of Ireland" and the Irish Canadians of Ottawa.

The two Premiers last night visited the Governor-General Lord Alexander.

The Taoiseach's final social engagement in Montreal was as guest of honour at a dinner given in Loyola College by the St. Jean Baptiste Society.

In appreciation of the honour bestowed on him by the French-Canadian Organisation, Mr. Costello again delivered an extemore address in French, and drew plaudits for this courtesy, and praise for the excellence of his accent and well-chosen language.

CANADIAN UNITY

National unity such as was prevalent in Canada he styled as a great example which Irish people were striving to follow.

"Unfortunately," he continued, "the Irish are citizens of an integral nation whose national territory has been divided. Weare not responsible for this division.

"As always, we are confiding in the hearts of our friends in Quebec Province, and in the hearts of our friends throughout the world our dreams, prayers and hopes for the reintegration of our national territory under the jurisdiction of our National Govenment and Parliament.

"We rely on Canadian sympathy and support in this great work of domestic reconciliation and international concord."

The Taoiseach said the survival of Gaelic as a tongue was dear to the hearts of all Irishmen.

Proposed Monument of Christ the King

The proposal to erect the monument of Christ the King at Dun Laoghaire is very much a live project, a "Sunday Independent" reporter learned yesterday. (In an article in the "Sunday independent" last Sunday, T. C. Murray urged the erection of such a statue.)

The committee in charge are very anxious to expedite the matter.

The monument, which is in bronze, was executed in Paris, but there are some preliminaries yet to be resolved before the erection takes place.

The cost of the monument was borne, in a large part, by subscriptions from all over the country, in addition to a gift under a will.

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RADIO EIREANN

Athlone, 531 m.; Dublin, 222.6 m.; Cork, 241.9 m.

1.0—Records. 2.0-2.30—John McCormack, Michael O'Higgins (records) 3.10 — All-Ireland Hurling Final, Dublin v Waterford. Michael O hEithir. 4.45—Records 5.30—Richard Tauber 5.45 — Ag Breathnu ar an Nuaiocht, le Laoiseach O Dea 6.0 — Aileen Doyle's Quartet. 6.30 — News 6.45 — Appeal: St Joseph's Night Refuge for Women, Dublin. Rev. M Heffernan, O.S.A., 6.50—Anthony Hughes (piano), Joan Walker (soprano) 7.20—Letters from Listeners 7.45—Minto's Gaytime Band 8.25—Irish Dance Music. 8.55—"They Got What They Wanted": Comedy by Louis D'Alton 10.0 News 10.15—G.A.A.: Sean O Ceallaechain 10.30—Hospitals' Trust Programme 11.0—Dermot O Hara's Light Orchestra 11.20 Close down

B.B.C. NORTH (449.1 m.; 285.7 m.)—7.55 a.m. Weather 8.0—News 8.20—Westminster Players 8.45 Records 9.30 Presbyterian Service 10.15—Dulcet Strings 11.0—"Carmen" (novel) 11.15 Stars of Opera 12.10 - Edinburgh Festival 12.55—Weather 1.0—News 1.10—Country Magazine 1.40—J L Riley Festival Choir 2.10—Garden 2.20—Backs to the Land 2.30—It Happened To Me 3.0 "Far From the Land" (play by Ruth Park 4.0—Concert. 5.0 - Children 5.55 - Weather 6.0—News 6.15—American Letter 6.30—Victorian Album 7.0—Irene Scharrer (piano) 7.45—Methodist Service. 8.25 — Appeal. 8.30 — "The Old Wives' Tale," by Arnold Bennett 9.0—News. 9.15—The Way I Look At It Jack Lawson, M.P. 9.30—Gipsy Pilgrimage in Provence 10.20 - Tauber (records) 10.30 - Epilogue. 10.38 — Verse and Prose 11.0—News 11.3 app.—Close Down.

B.B.C. LIGHT PROGRAMME (1,500 m., 261.1 m.)—8 a.m. — Breakfast Club. 9.0—News 9.10—Silver Chords 9.30 — Mark Lubbock's Orchestra 10.30 -Family Favourites. 11.30—Service. 12.0—Sandy Presents. 12.30—Gert and Daisy's Working Party. 1.15—Quiz. 1.45 — "Just William" 2.15 Peter York's Orchestra 3.0—Up the Pole 3.30—Down Your Way 4.30—Fifty Years a Queen—Queen Wilhelmina 5.0 -Songs of 1932. 5.30—Carnival Concert 6.30 - Radio Revels 7.0—News 7.30 Twenty Questions 8.0 -Variety 9.0 -Hymns. 9.30—Peter Dawson (baritone), Rawicz and Landauer (pianos), Herbert Dawson (organ) 10.0—News 10.15—Sandy Macpherson (organ) 10.45—Hymns 11.0—Ray Martin's Orchestra 11.30 Records 11.56—News 12 midnight—Close Down.

B.B.C. THIRD PROGRAMME (514.6 m. 203.5 m.)—6.0 p.m. — Gerald Jones (organ) 6.30—Imaginary Conversations 7.20—Records 7.35 - The Hale Telescope on Mount Palomar 8.0 -Edinburgh Festival. 9.20—Five Famous Actresses. Talk by Philip Comyns Carr. 9.35—Edinburgh Festival 10.45 - "The Blues." Literary Eclogue in Two Parts by Lord Byron 11.15—Songs by Schubert Suzanne Danco (soprano), Frans Vroons (tenor), Frederick Stone (piano). 12 midnight—Close Down.

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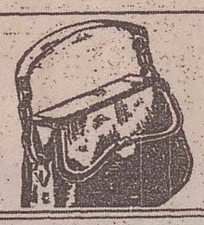
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TO-MORROW IRELAND WILL BE A REPUBLIC

Guns Will Thunder And Trumpets Will Sound

TO-MORROW Ireland will be a Republic, and the Irish people, from Donegal to Cork, from Dublin to Galway, will salute the birth of a new era in our history with nation-wide rejoicing, with all the pomp and pageantry the country can muster.

WHEN THE FIRST OF TWENTY-ONE GUNS THUNDERS FROM O'CONNELL BRIDGE, DUBLIN, AT ONE MINUTE PAST MIDNIGHT TO-NIGHT, HERALDED BY A FANFARE OF TRUMPETS, THE GREAT MOMENT WILL HAVE ARRIVED. BUILDINGS WILL BE ILLUMINATED, AND AS THE STIRRING STRAINS OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM RING THROUGH THE PRINCIPAL THOROUGHFARE OF OUR CAPITAL CITY, THE ASSEMBLED THOUSANDS WILL GIVE VOCAL UTTERANCE TO THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE GREAT SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OCCASION

When, at noon to-morrow, with impressive ceremonial, the Tricolour is proudly raised to full mast over the G.P.O., the whole nation will have joined the mother city in these momentous celebrations. The Hierarchy have arranged to have High Masses celebrated in their dioceses, and parades and other public festivities in gaily decorated towns and villages will reflect the joyous mood of a proud people.

In St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, a special Service of Intercession for the welfare of the new Republic will be held at 10.30 a.m. to-morrow. Government officials, members of the Judiciary, and representatives of public bodies have been invited to attend.

The capital city, with its beflagged buildings, its thousands of visitors, and its gay air of expectancy, presents a colourful sight on the eve of the ushering in of the Republic.

A feature of the decoration of the G.P.O. will be four plaques, representing the four provinces of Ireland. Each plaque is nine feet in diameter, and they were manufactured in Dublin from Irish gypsum plaster by M. Creedon, Ltd.

Dublin Programme

THE programme for to-morrow's ceremonies in Dublin is as follows:—

One minute past midnight military ceremonies begin with the

Welsh Message To President

Mr. Clifford Bere, on behalf of the Welsh Republican Movement, some of whose members are at present visiting Cork, has sent the following message in Irish and Welsh to the President:—

"We convey to the President and citizens of the Republic of Ireland the fervent congratulations of all

COMMENT

Like Naughty Schoolboys

People throughout the country are regretting that the leaders of the Fianna Fail Party and some of their more thoughtless followers are refusing to join in the national celebrations to-morrow.

Nobody likes the schoolboy who refuses to play because he is not given his own way, because he is not allowed to score all the goals.

These people who would divide the nation say that there is nothing to celebrate.

What are the facts?

The outstanding fact is that the Republic of Ireland is being proclaimed and is being recognised by all other nations. The dream of the patriots through the ages has come true!

It is the Republic of Ireland, not of only a part of it. Six counties still remain partitioned, but the Government has done more in one year to make Partition an international issue than Fianna Fail did in fifteen years. Witness the vote last week in the U.S. House of Representatives, when 56 members voted for an "Ireland Amendment" clause to withhold E.C.A. grants from Britain so long as she

U.S. Visitor Picking a Winner

Mrs. S Oppenheim, an American visitor, at Phoenix Park Races yesterday.

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"THE only cheap amusement in the post-war world is walking

ing our own food? We're young we're students, and cooking and

Minister Calls Shoe Trade Conference

BECAUSE of his concern at the present situation in the footwear industry, the Minister for Industry and Commerce has summoned all interests in the trade to meet him in his Department next Thursday to hear an address from him and to consider ways and means of improving matters.

According to a letter from Mr. Morrissey's personal Secretary to Mr. M. Kilkelly, Secretary of Clonmel Trades and Labour Council, in connection with the present position of Munster Shoes, Ltd., Clonmel, the Minister, with a view to minimising competition from abroad, has already drastically reduced import quotas for the past two quota periods.

CLONMEL'S CASE

Anxiety has been caused in Clonmel concerning the position of the factory, which is the town's chief industry and normally provides employment for about 500 workers. Owing to widespread depression in the industry it has been forced to put employes on short time since the beginning of the year, and is faced with further cuts.

The letter added that statistics in the Department showed that boot and shoe imports were now coming in only at a fraction of the rate of some months ago.

Mr. Kilkelly was assured that his Council's interests would not be overlooked.

Council of Europe Meeting Held Up for Mr. Mac Bride

I gather, writes the "Sunday Independent" Political Correspondent, that the meeting of Foreign Ministers announced for April 29 in London has been deferred to May 3, in order to permit of Mr. Sean MacBride's attendance. The Minister for

CENTURY'S HOTTEST EASTER

WITH London temperatures reaching 83 degrees — highest in the capital since 1900 — unprecedented seaside crowds, thousands of whom bathed until well into the evening, and one case of sunstroke reported during a Rugby game at Richmond, Surrey, yesterday set up new records for Eastertide weather in Britain.

Although Dublin's 4.7 hours of bright sunshine yesterday fell far short of the record for an April day (13.1 hours in 1944), Dun Laoghaire, Bray and the other coastal resorts had large holiday crowds. Temperature in the sun was about 70 degs. in the city.

The weather for the past few days has, in fact, been almost identical with that of the corresponding dates last year when temperatures, however, fell far lower at night.

Although Friday was comparatively sunless, the temperature stood one degree higher than yesterday.

Armagh—A thunderstorm, lasting half-an-hour, broke over the city and district last evening. Torren-

Weather For The Week-end

N.W. AND S.W. IRELAND—Moderate or fresh Southerly winds, mainly cloudy, rain spreading from West during day; rather warm. Midday temperatures 55 to 60 degs.

N.E. AND S.E. IRELAND—Moderate or fresh Southerly winds, mainly cloudy but some bright periods; rather warm. Midday temperatures 55 to 60 degs.

FURTHER OUTLOOK—Little change in the East; probably cloudy in the West with rain at times.

Thundering headlines but life carried on...

As the Republic was formed, this newspaper reported myriad events, writes **Liam Collins** as he peruses those editions

ON Sunday, April 17, 1949, the eve of Eire becoming the Republic of Ireland, the *Sunday Independent* proudly carried the story with the sub-heading "Guns Will Thunder and Trumpets Will Sound".

But this momentous moment was happening against the backdrop of ordinary people living ordinary lives in the soon-to-be-declared independent State.

The newspaper featured a photo of Mrs S Oppenheim, an American visitor, studying the form at the Phoenix Park Races, while three matronly wives of Government ministers, Mrs Norton, Mrs McGilligan and Mrs Mac Eoin, were attending the premiere of *Joan of Arc* at the Metropole Cinema in O'Connell Street, Dublin; leaving the planning of 'Irexit' from the British Commonwealth of Nations to their busy husbands.

The front page of that Sunday's paper carried a report on the first televised address by the Pope — who had been around so long it wasn't necessary for the newspaper to say his name. He was, after all, the Pope — but for readers today, he was Pope Pius XII, who had what is now called a "long and controversial pontificate" from 1939 to 1958.

Among the 'important' news items — including the story that India would be sending an Ambassador to Dublin, the first country to do so and the US was expected to follow suit — there were the mundane stories of the hottest Easter in the 20th Century, and a shadow over Clonmel, where the shoe factory, which employed more than 500 people, was under threat.

"Owing to widespread depression in the industry, it has been forced to put employees on short time since the beginning of the year, and is faced with further cuts," said the report.

On the political front, Minister for External Affairs Sean MacBride was still stuck in the US but would be back to attend a re-scheduled meeting of Europe's Council of Ministers, which he'd done so much to bring about.

Money, too, was a matter of importance. Take Mr Henry Rhys Maunsell, a solicitor who came from an ancient Limerick family, but living until the time of his death at Rathleigh, Killiney, Co Dublin, with offices in Merrion Square. A bottom of the front page story told us that he had left £86,577 (equivalent in today's money to over €3.5m) in his will.

Mr Maunsell, a former President of Lansdowne Rugby Club (1944-45) and past President of the Irish Lawn Tennis Association and Fitzwilliam Tennis Club, was clearly a man of means. But his estate paid more than £31,000 in death duties (equivalent in today's money to more than £1.1m). It was also a time when the two certainties, death and taxes, came together.

With a little less money you could get a special value handbag at Kellett's of George's Street, Dublin for 15 shillings and 11 pence or "all wool worsted Flannel Trousers" at Galligan's of Henry Street, Dublin for 53 shillings and 11 pence — so Ben Dunne Senior wasn't the first to pitch his prices just a penny shy of the real price. Cassidy's of George's Street waxed lyrical with a rhyming advert: "I could write a Sonnet... To help you choose your Easter Bonnet."

And when himself and herself were kitted out in the handbags, bonnet and flannel trousers, they were encouraged to buy a packet of Afton cigarettes with the tagline "Virginia Comes to Stay".

And if you didn't have cash to flash, well there were other ways to pass the time under the headline "Use Your Legs And Save Your Money". "The only cheap amusement in the post-war world is walking and when I say cheap, I mean cheap," the young recruit to An Oige told me with great emphasis yesterday," began a story from an intrepid *Sunday Independent* reporter about the new hill-walking organisation. The only costs involved were the 1 shilling and four pence bus fare to Enniskerry, Co Wicklow.

The point about "the more things change the more they stay the same" was probably better illustrated in the previous week's *Sunday Independent* of April 10, with news of an innovative plan to solve the housing crisis. "Eire may have pre-fabricated houses to cope with pressing requirements," was the introduction to a story with the headline: "Pre-Fabricated Houses Coming."

"This was stated by the Minister for Local Government (Mr TJ Murphy) when he arrived at Dublin Airport last night from London where he has been discussing housing with the British Ministry of Health.

"Much valuable information had been obtained in regard to British methods of dealing with the housing problem which information would be of assistance in dealing with the problem here," went the report. "Mr Murphy said he was satisfied the

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traditional type of housing in this country would not supply the housing needs for a long time and it was possible that the erection of pre-fabricated houses might be undertaken to a limited extend in order to cope with the most pressing requirements."

In tones reminiscent of the inexhaustible Brexit negotiations, another headline tells us: "British Envoy On Intimate Links" — no, not a diplomatic scandal, but the oft-strained links between Ireland and Britain. This was the theme of the new British "representative" (no ambassadors to a Free State) Sir Gilbert Laithwaite, who succeeded Lord Rugby in the post.

"The special relationship which exists between our two countries forms the basis for those many close and intimate links between them which it will be my aim and privilege to maintain," he said, in what he then described as "these difficult and anxious days".

Back then Kildare GAA were just as obdurate as they were in 2018 when they refused to play Mayo in Croke Park and insisted on Newbridge or Nowhere.

That Sunday in April, 1949, the front page 'off lead' went "GAA Suspend Kildare".

Why was such drastic action taken against the Kildare County Board — had it defied the 'infamous' ban on "foreign games" as it was called? It had, in a sense. The Kildare County Board permitted greyhound racing on its Newbridge ground, which was part of the town's military barracks and declined to stop when the Central Council's ordered that either the dogs or the County Board had to go.

In echoes of more recent events in the country's history, the County Board was to reconvene later that week with the intention of going to the High Court to challenge the Central Council's ruling.

That Sunday, eight days before he officially presided over the formal declaration of a Republic of Ireland, Taoiseach John A Costello in the company of Mr AD Stocks, the famous English international, was pictured attending Londonbridge Road to see a united-Ireland hockey team defeat England 3-2 and "again" claim the Triple Crown.

On the political front, Eamon de Valera was his usual obtuse self, refusing to attend the coming Easter Monday celebrations for the coming into force of the Republic of Ireland Act. Described as "another historic step in the long march of the Irish nation towards freedom and independence" the story tells us that Mr de Valera has said "no" to an invitation from the Taoiseach.

Tucked away on the front page among important matters of church, state and sport was probably the most poignant story of that Sunday, April 10, 1949, and it wasn't connected to the new Republic, it hadn't anything to do with Ireland at all — but it did mark a very significant moment in history possibly more widely known than the date of Ireland's declaration of a Republic.

Under the heading "Race To Save Trapped Child", we are told that a crew of miners were "feverishly" boring a shaft to try and rescue three-year-old Kathy Fiscus, who two days earlier and fallen into a 14-inch disused vertical water pipe and was trapped 100 feet below ground in San Marino, California.

"I think that there is a chance that Kathy is still alive," the fire chief is quoted as saying, because there had been a tug on a length of rope lowered into the pipe and a voice heard the previous Friday.

In this era of rolling news, this event is now recognised as the first news story to be shown live on television; broadcast, by local station KTLA, all over the United States to those who had televsision sets.

While the *Sunday Independent* carried the Saturday night story, the tragic outcome played on Sunday. When the miners got to her, Kathy was dead "and has been since she was last heard speaking on Friday" concluded the doctor. The inscription on Kathy's grave reads: "One Little Girl Who United the World for a Moment."

In a way this family tragedy, forgotten but for its significance in television history, is also a reminder that empires come and go, nations rise and fall, history is filled with significant moments — but tragedy is a personal event that remains undimmed by the passage of time for those involved, and long after the reporters and headline writers have moved on to the next great event.

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Republic Celebrations

MR. de VALERA SAYS "NO" TO INVITATION

"Sunday Independent" Political Correspondent

MR. DE VALERA has said "No" to an invitation from the Taoiseach to participate in the Easter Monday celebrations for the coming into force of the Republic of Ireland Act.

Easter Monday will mark another historic step in the long march of the Irish nation towards freedom and independence.

The Republic of Ireland will be proclaimed once again on Easter Monday, and this time will be internationally recognised throughout the world. True it is that the Six North-Eastern Counties are still partitioned, but goodwill and

by Rev. J. Shinnors, C.F., followed by a procession through the streets of the city.

The Mass will be open to the general public in addition to the military and F.C.A.

Organised bodies and city bands will take part in the procession. Arrangements are being made to have a salute of guns fired from the Sarsfield Bridge at midnight on Sunday, where the Proclamation of 1916 will also be read.

In Carlow

p.m., in which units of the Laoighis-Carlow area will take part as well as representatives of local bodies. Votive Mass will be celebrated, and at noon the National Flag will be hoisted, with military honours, by a participant in the 1916 Rising.

The Tricolour will be dipped at the Croppies' Grave in Graiguecullen, Co. Carlow, in honour of the men of '98 interred there. Col. T. P. Gallagher, Director, F.C.A., will take the salute at a subsequent

Taoiseach Sees Irish Hockey Team Win

The Taoiseach is here seen photographed at the Ireland v. England hockey match at Londonbridge Road, Dublin yesterday. On his right is Mr. A. D. Stocks, the

G.A.A. SUSPENDS KILDARE

A SPECIALLY convened meeting of the G.A.A. Central Council at 31 North Frederick St., Dublin, yesterday, suspended the Kildare County Board for failing to carry out the direction of the Central Council with regard to greyhound racing on the Newbridge grounds, which is in the Military Barracks. This decision will take effect as from April 30.

This matter was discussed at previous meetings of the Central Council and the Kildare Co. Board was instructed to terminate the licence given to permit greyhound racing on the G.A.A. grounds at Newbridge. They failed to carry out this instruction and recently a delegation from the Central Council attended on the Kildare Co. Board and appealed to the latter to carry out the instructions.

By 39 votes to 10 the Kildare Board decided to adhere to their previous decision to allow greyhound racing on the Newbridge grounds.

At Congress

The Central Council is the ruling body from one Congress to another.

When the Annual Congress is held on Easter Sunday the outgoing President, Mr. D. O'Rourke, is expected to refer to the question of greyhound racing on G.A.A. grounds in general.

sary if this decision is to be rescinded.

If the resolution is not carried the Kildare Co. Board will be suspended and its affairs will be handled by the Leinster Council until such time as a new Co. Board may be formed.

The question of Kildare's participation in the forthcoming Leinster championships also arises.

They are due to play Meath in minor and senior football at Croke Park on May 15. Those players and officials who are willing to abide by the ruling of the Central Council regarding greyhound racing on G.A.A. grounds may form a Co. Board and a sufficient number of clubs may be available from which to select teams.

"May Go to Court"

After the meeting a Kildare official stated that there would be a meeting of the Kildare Co. Board at Newbridge on Wednesday evening when the question would be discussed.

Won All-Ireland Title Four Times

Kildare won the All-Ireland Senior Football title in 1905, 1919, 1927 and 1928.

Minister's Busy Day In New York

"Sunday Independent" Special Representative.

YESTERDAY proved a busy day for Mr. MacBride, Minister for External Affairs, who, in New York, conducted an inspection of Consulate offices in the morning and in the afternoon had a steady stream of callers from Irish-American organisations at his Waldorf Astoria suite.

The callers included representatives of the American League for Undivided Ireland, the United Irish Counties and other organisations.

Last evening Mr. MacBride met Dr. Herbert Evatt, President of the U.N.O. General Assembly, who is an old friend.

It is expected, however, that some matters pertinent to Ireland were discussed.

Mr. Sean Nunan, Irish Minister to the U.S., remained in New York for the week-end, and accompanied Mr. MacBride on the Consulate